(iv) providing loans on soft term for purchase of deep sea fishing vessels through the Shipping Development Fund Committee;

(v) augmentation of Fisheries Surveys and assistance for construction of fishing harbours at major and minor ports and of the landing and berthing facilities at smaller fishing centres; and

(vi) regulation of fishing by foreign vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone. For this purpose, 'The Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981' has come into force with effect from 2nd November, 1981.

Loss to Farmers of Punjab and Haryana due to Sabotage in Bhakra Canal

1215. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers of Punjab and Haryana have suffered heavy loss of their cotton crop which has been destroyed due to sabotage in the Bhakra Canal:

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss as a result thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to pay any compensation to the affected farmers and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) It is too early to assess the loss; if any, the cotton crop caused by sabotage in Bhakra Canal.

(c) Compensation is not paid by the Government of India in such cases.

Destruction of Files Concerning Asiad Tickets

1216. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Statesman of June 1, 1984 to the effect that file concerning Ninth ASIAD tickets which were retained by the Special Organising Committee, were not made available to audit on one pretext or the other;

(b) if so, what was the value of these tickets; and

(c) what are the reasons for which audit was not completed before the files were destroyed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Special Organising Committee has intimated that all files sought by audit were made available. Value of unsold domestic tickets was Rs. 1.65 crores and value of unsold tickets meant for sale abroad was US $1.34 lakh, which is inclusive of 19140 tickets worth US $53,895 retained by SOC. The SOC has also informed that no files dealing with tickets were destroyed by them.

Furniture and Furnishings at Asian Games Village

1217. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman of 2nd June, 1984 to the effect that furnishings worth Rs. 37 lakhs remained unutilised at the Asian Games Village complex and on physical verification

furniture and furnishings worth more than Rs. 18 lahks were found to be missing; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter and what use is being made of the unutilised furnishings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The DDA have intimated that action is already in progress for disposal of items of furniture and furnishings which are not to be disposed of alongwith flats in the Siri Fort Complex. The DDA is also pursuing the matter regarding furniture and furnishings found short and Govt. are already seized of the matter.

Families without Shelter in Metropolitan Cities

1218. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 50,000 families in Greater Bombay were without shelter in 1977 and at present their number is about 1 lakh and that 77 per cent of families in Greater Bombay are residing in one-room unit and that 1.1 lakh tenements there have outlived their life; and

(b) what are the comparative figures for Calcutta, Delhi and Madras?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Beggars' Home in Delhi

1219. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item 'Beggars can't be choosers" published in the "Eve's Weekly" its May 19—25, 1984 issue to the effect that some of the inmates of Sewa Kutir, a home for beggars in Delhi were not beggars at all as they had been picked off the streets by the Anti-Beggary Squad and detained in the Beggars' Home;

(b) if so, the number of persons who were picked off the streets and detained in the Beggars' Home during the last three years, and the number out of those who were later on permitted to leave the said Home not being genuine beggars;

(c) whether Government have issued any directive to the Anti-Beggary Squads not to pick-up persons from the streets at random especially those who come to Delhi from outside for employment; and

(d) if not, by what time such a directive is likely to be issued?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of persons arrested and committed to the Beggars' Homes during the last three years is as below:

Year	Total No. of persons arrested	Total No. of persons committed
1981-82 . .	2248	1437
1982-83 . .	8148	5203
1983-84 . .	10795	6359